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County Executive Announces Director of Veterans Affairs

Erie, PA – Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper has announced Thad Plasczynski as the Director of Veterans Affairs for Erie County. In his role overseeing the Department of Veterans Affairs, Plasczynski will serve as an advocate for Erie County veterans and their families, including collaborating with other local veterans resources in the region and assisting veterans with securing benefits.

The Director of Veterans Affairs position was created in 2015 by Erie County Council. Plasczynski, the first director, will take on the role effective July 27.

Plasczynski, a U.S. Navy veteran and licensed registered nurse, earned an associate degree in nursing from Mercyhurst North East and a bachelor's and a master's degree in polymer science from Pennsylvania State University. Plasczynski previously worked as a nurse at Millcreek Community Hospital and filled various roles in technical services and management at A. Schulman, Rohm and Haas/Dow Chemical, and Lord Corp.

"Thad has the right blend of skills and experience that will help the Department of Veterans Affairs move forward," Dahlkemper said. "As a veteran himself, Thad can understand the needs of those who served, while also using his health care training and leadership background to ensure that our Erie County veterans are getting the assistance and care that they deserve."

Plasczynski also has volunteered his time to take veterans on recreational fishing excursions and to work with children with disabilities on adaptive sports and activities.

(A photograph of Thad Plasczynski is attached.)

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